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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Proposed Congressional Briefings

1. Attached are two lists of briefings. List A covers our major Committees; List B reflects nine subjects we might offer those Committees with which we normally have little contact. This is an effort to comply with Admiral Turner's request that we seek out new customers.

2. I would anticipate most of the List B briefings would be delivered by teams of experts rather than by senior Agency officials. We stand ready to provide written briefings and backup if senior officials do wish to become involved. Each of the subjects has been cleared with the appropriate Office to make sure we can deliver as promised.

3. Please note that two items have been dropped from the List B provided you earlier. Our meteorologist is in training and we cannot deliver the proposed item on climate and crops in the USSR for several months. I also felt it might be better not to offer a sensitive R&D briefing to the Senate and House Committees concerned with science until we could first present it to at least one of our oversight Committees.

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Attachment: As stated
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LIST A

ON-LINE BRIEFINGS

1. Issue : The Soviet Navy--an examination of the Soviet Navy's missions, fleet composition, and trends.
- Classification : Top Secret Codeword
- Customer : Senate Armed Services
- When : Week 28 February or 7 March (probably latter)
- Who : Dr. Stevens
- Status : Prepared
2. Issue : World-wide Intelligence Briefing--review of important intelligence issues and key developments.
- Classification : Top Secret Codeword
- Customer : Senate Armed Services
- When : After 9 March
- Who : Admiral Turner
- Status : Requires current update when time set
3. Issue : Soviet Civil Defense
- Classification : Top Secret Codeword
- Customer : House Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
- When : Next week or so
- Who : OSR
- Status : Prepared

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LIST A

4. We have two additional briefings in which the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense has expressed some interest. These are:

Soviet Military R&D

Soviet Command and Control

Both are prepared.

PROPOSED BRIEFINGS

1. Issue : Soviet and Chinese Space Programs--
an examination of on-going military
and non-military programs as well as
a look at trends for the future.

Classification : Top Secret Codeword

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Trans-
portation Subcommittee on Science
and Space

House Science and Technology

Providing Office : OWI
2. Issue : Foreign Civil Air Developments--
a review of what the USSR, China, and
others are doing in civil aviation
both as domestic and international
carriers; would include an idea of
the trends we see ahead. We also can
discuss the importance of air trans-
port programs in other areas such as
Western Europe and the impact of US
competition, but would prefer not to
try discussing world-wide civil air--
the subject is too big for convenient
briefing format.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Tech-
nology Subcommittee on Aviation

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Providing Offices : OER and OSI
3. Issue : The Impact of Fishing Zone Regulations--
an examination of the economic, dietary,
and enforcement problems, particularly
in an increasingly hungry world.

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Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Senate Interior and Insular Affairs

House Merchant Marine and Fisheries

House Interior and Insular Affairs

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

House Ad Hoc on the Continental Shelf

Providing Offices : OER & OGCR

4. Issue : The Soviet Hard Currency Debt--
a look at the problems the Soviets face in making purchases in the West and the steps they are taking to alleviate the situation; also the impact on Soviet acquisition of plants and equipment.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

House Banking, Currency, and Housing

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Providing Office : OER

5. Issue : The World Energy Situation--the status of fossil fuel reserves and production with a review of US energy sources now and over the next few years; problems facing both the developed and underdeveloped nations; pricing and its

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LIST B

economic impact; the cohesiveness of OPEC; other energy sources now and in the future.

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Potential Customers: Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation
House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Providing Office : OER

6. Issue : The Soviet Merchant Marine--a detailed examination of fleet composition, missions, construction, and trends.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation
House Merchant Marine and Fisheries

Providing Office : OER

7. Issue : Key Foreign Positions on the Law of the Sea--an examination of major points at issue in the negotiations and where the key players stand on them.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senate Interior and Insular Affairs
Senate Judiciary
House Merchant Marine and Fisheries
House Interior and Insular Affairs
House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
House Judiciary

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LIST B

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Providing Office : OGCR

8. Issue : The World Economic Outlook for 1977--
the impact of inflation, higher oil
prices, trade, and various other fac-
tors on the economies of the developed
West, the Communist bloc, and the LDCs
with a forecast of economic conditions
for the rest of the year.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Trans-
portation

Senate Finance

Senate Budget

Joint Economic

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

House Budget

Providing Office : OER

9. Issue : Technology Transfer--Soviet and Chinese
efforts to acquire advanced technology
in the West.

Classification : Top Secret Codeword

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Trans-
portation

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

House Science and Technology

Providing Offices : OSI and OER